

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1. In the above referenced Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 9 - 15 under 35 USC § 102 (b) as being anticipated by Hwu (U.S. Patent No. 6,501,363); and allowed claims 1 - 8.

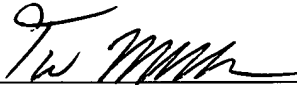
2. The applicant has canceled, without prejudice, claims 9 - 15 and requests that the present patent application be issued.

For the foregoing reasons, the applicant believes that claims 1 - 8 are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that they be passed to allowance.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone or facsimile if the Examiner believes that such a communication would advance the prosecution of the present invention.

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